

## Letter from John Wesley Powell to Alexander Graham Bell, September 14, 1892

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 14, 1892. My dear Mr. Bell,

I arrived home Sunday night, with health much improved; and now I look back to my visit at Badeck with great pleasure, and with feelings of regard and gratitude to Mrs. Bell and yourself for your unstinted kindness. My visit to your home is an epoch in my life long to be remembered. Please say everything kind to Mrs. Bell for me. All were so thoughtful and good, — Elsie and Marian and Mr. McCurdy; nor must I forget Miss Bell. Please give my regards to them all. d

Since leaving you I have been thinking much about your gravity experiments, and they grow on me. It seems to me to be a promising field for experimental research, and I have been trying to consider the effect of all you laid before me upon rotatory motion and upon various laws of dynamics which are expressed in terms of stress; and I have further been interested in considering the sun and stars as solid bodies, in harmony with your suggestion — great particles, whose impact and reaction upon minute particles would have a grand and controlling influence. If I were young again I should be tempted to turn to this line of research; but other subjects must occupy me. I sincerely hope that you will go on, and soon publish your first experiments in this field. Your experiments in rotatory motion, though for another purpose, will all be of value in the grand end in view, of studying motion. Well, I am becoming prosy, but hope to talk with you further on this subject some good day not too far away.

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With kind regards to all, I am Yours cordially, Mr. Alexander Graham Bell, Beinn Bhreagh,  
Victoria County, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.